

## Heritage advice, with compliments

The city is offering a complimentary heritage advisory service to owners of places of recognised cultural heritage significance.

Owners of places that are within a heritage conservation area recognised under the city's town planning scheme or listed on the city's Register of Places of Cultural Heritage Significance can access free professional architectural and conservation advice from a local heritage architect.

The service aims to encourage practical and responsible approaches to conservation and design in development applications.

Mayor Henderson said: "The new service will mean that the city will receive more development applications for heritage places that are suitable and designed in a way that is sensitive to the area. The aim is to provide support to the applicant from the start, which will save them both time and money."

She continued: "There is a common misconception that heritage listing a place means you can't make any alterations or additions. It is possible for new development to occur that complements the existing building and enhances the surrounding streetscape. Professional heritage architects will work with the applicant to ensure sympathetic outcomes."

The service will involve a ninety minute consultation with a qualified heritage architect. The city has appointed local heritage architects Gemma Smith from Hocking Heritage Studio and Philip Griffiths and Bradley Pratley from Griffiths Architects as heritage advisors to the service.

Consultations may be used to seek advice on sympathetic design approaches, repairs or damage, conservation works or advice on the design of new buildings in conservation areas. Following the consultation, the architect will compile a report outlining the advice given and copies will be given to the owner of the property and the city.

The city's adopted conservation areas include the Kershaw Street Conservation Area and the recently adopted Rokeby Road and Hay Street conservation area.



Assessments of Rawson Street and James Chester's original subdivision (bounded by Townshend, Hamersley and Heytesbury Roads and Rupert Street), have been undertaken and council will consider a proposal to declare these areas as conservation areas.

The city's Register of Places of Cultural Heritage Significance can be viewed on the city's website [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)

If you are interested in accessing the service, please contact the city at [heritage@subiaco.wa.gov.au](mailto:heritage@subiaco.wa.gov.au) or 9237 9241 to arrange an appointment.

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### **Notes to Editor**

Gemma Smith has provided advice to a number of local councils including Subiaco, Stirling, Victoria Park, Mosman Park and City of Perth, and has been involved with major Western Australian projects including the preparation of heritage impact statements for the Elizabeth Quay redevelopment on Perth foreshore and the Perth City Link project.

Griffiths Architects' work includes a variety of projects throughout Western Australia, including the Fremantle Prison, The WA Ballet Centre, Cathedral House and the Office of the Premier and Cabinet Room. Philip Griffiths also sits on the city's Design Review Panel.

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